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SUBJECT: EXIT ROUTES OF CUBAN REFUGEES

REF: A) 77 STATE 008117 (NOTAL) B) 77 HAVANA 411 (NOTAL)

1. FAMILIES OF SEVERAL CUBAN REFUGEES HAVE COMPLAINED TO DEPARTMENT THAT THEIR RELATIVES HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO EXIT CUBA VIA SPAIN OR JAMAICA. DEPARTMENT IS ALSO AWARE OF ONE CASE IN WHICH AN AMERICAN CITIZEN COMING TO US FOR TEMPORARY VISIT WAS REPORTEDLY NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ROUTE DESIRED. UPON INVESTIGATION IN ONE IV CASE (REF A), RELATIVES DIS-COVERED THEY WERE GIVEN AUTHORIZATION TO DEPART THROUGH JAMAICA BECAUSE THEY HAD REQUESTED THAT ROUTE WHEN MAKING

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APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMITS YEARS AGO.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS SOURCE AND CLARIFICATION OF STATE-MENT IN REF B THAT CUBAN EMIGREES MAY TRAVEL TO US VIA ANY THIRD COUNTRY WHICH WILL PERMIT THEIR TRANSIT THROUGH ITS TERRITORY. WHILE EXITING THROUGH JAMAICA WOULD NOT SEEM TO PRESENT PROBLEM TO EITHER EMIGREES OR US GOVERNMENT,

ASSUMING IMMIGRANTS LANDED WITH US ENTRY DOCUMENTS.D, DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED OVER COST OF EXITING VIA SPAIN. NOT ONLY IS THERE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCE IN AIR FARES (\$885 HAVANA-MADRID-MIAMI AS COMPARED TO \$156 HAVANA-MERIDA-MIAMI), EXPENSES FOR TEMPORARY LODGINGS ARE GREATER IN SPAIN. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS SITUATION EXISTS DUE TO GOC POLICY DECISION OR RESULTS SIMPLY FROM UNCORRECTED BLIP IN SYSTEM. ONE OBVIOUS REASON FOR REQUIRING EXIT THROUGH SPAIN IS COST OF FLIGHT. REFUGEES HAVE TOLD US THEY ARE "ENCOURAGED" TO FLY CUBANA, AND ARE NOT IN FRAME OF MIND TO DO ANYTHING WHICH IS NOT SUGGESTED.

3. REVENUE PRODUCING RATIONAL DOES NOT, HOWEVER, EXPLAIN WHY AMCIT MENTIONED ABOVE WAS TOLD SHE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO TRANSIT VENEZUELA TO VISIT HER RELATIVES, BUT HAD TO TRANSIT PANAMA. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING FUNDS ON DEPOSIT WITH CUBANS OR OF RECEIVING REFUNDS OF MONEY DEPOSITED YEARS BEFORE PRESENT ROUTES WERE POSSIBLE.

4. FOR MEXICO AND KINGSTON. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL ALLOW CUBANS DOCUMENTED FOR ENTRY TO US TO TRANSMIT TERRITORY. ALSO INFORM US OF PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING THESE VISAS AND ANY POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES.

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